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BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary, 2. THRI NOTABY PUBLIC

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of California County of Riverside

on this <u>Og-20.2011</u> [day of month] day of September, 2011, personally appeared Mark A. Thomas, known to me to be a credible person and of lawful age, who being by me first duly sworn, on her oath, deposes and says:

Mark A. Thomas Ministries, Inc., a Not for Profit 501-c-3 Organization, petitions the FCC for exemption from Closed Captioning rules based upon the undue burden clause. Mark A. Thomas Ministries produces a weekly ½ hour television program that airs on Christian TV stations in the United States. The cost of closed captioning would present us with a significant cost which the ministry would not be able to incur right at this point. This would severely impact the operation and could limit our ability to air our new program. We are currently looking into the cost, since our financial resources were not budgeted for the equipment and it was

Mark A. Thomas Ministries broadcasts a faith based TV program to a primarily Christian audience. Our staff is made up exclusively of volunteers who assist with production and editing of the show. We do provide alternatives by placing biblical text in the bottom portion of the screen during programs.

extremely limited to budgeting for the purchase of TV airtime.

We kindly petition the FCC and seek the exemption based upon our limited time to prepare for this unexpected cost and to give us time to buy the equipment necessary to keep our program on the air.

[signature of affiant]

Mark A. Thomas

1820 Hamner Ave.
Norco, CA 92860
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this <u>09.20-11</u> [day of month] day of September, 2011
[Notary Seal:]
[signature of Notary] D. 1444 [typed name of Notary] NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expires: 98-93, 20/3.
My Commission Expires: